

ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Health

February 15, 2011

The Alamance County Board of Health met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, in the Professional Board Room of the Human Services Center located at 319-B North Graham-Hopedale Road, Burlington, North Carolina.

The following board members were present: Ms. Linda Massey, Commissioner; Dr. Michael Blocker, Chairman; Dr. Donald Courtney, Vice-Chairman; Ms. Lynda Puckett; Mr. Kent Tapscott; Mr. Michael Venable and Mr. Charles Wilson.

The following staff members were present: Mr. Barry Bass, Mr. Carl Carroll, Ms. Gayle Shoffner, Ms. Christy Bradsher, Mr. Eric Nickens, Ms. Nancy Sartin, Ms. Bonnie Collins, Ms. Nicole Allston, Ms. Jessica Carroll, Ms. Ayo White and Ms. Janna Elliott.

The following guests were present: Dr. Teme Levbarg, Mr. Ira Collins, Mr. Thomas Montgomery and Mr. Chris Lavender.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Michael Blocker, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Recognition of Retirees

Mr. Barry Bass recognized Ms. Nancy Sartin for her 37 years of dedicated service as a Public Health Nurse at the Alamance County Health Department. Ms. Sartin retired effective January 1, 2011.

Mr. Bass also recognized Ms. Bonnie Collins for her five years of dedicated service as a Public Health Nurse at the Alamance County Health Department. Ms. Collins is retiring effective March 1, 2011.

III. Approval of the December 21, 2010, Board of Health Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Kent Tapscott to approve the December 21, 2010, Board of Health minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles Wilson and approved unanimously by the board.

IV. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

V. NALBOH Community Guide Presentation

Dr. Teme Levbarg provided a brief presentation regarding The Guide to Community Preventive Services, often called the Community Guide (CG). It is a free resource designed to help Boards of Health and Public Health Departments choose evidence-based programs, practices, and policies to improve health and prevent disease, injury and disability in their communities.

VI. Administrative Reports

A. Personnel Update

Ms. Janna Elliott provided the board with the following Personnel Update:

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PERSONNEL UPDATE***New Hires / Transfers / Resignations:***

- Jennifer Scott began work as Processing Assistant III – WIC, replacing Marleen Loftis, on January 3, 2011.
- Jessica Banks resigned from her position as Dental Assistant effective January 17, 2011.
- Ayo White began work as Public Health Nurse II – Communicable Disease Coordinator, replacing Mollie Todd, on January 24, 2011.
- Jessica Carroll began work as Public Health Nurse I, replacing Cathy Stephenson, on February 1, 2011
- Nancy Chiafulio is resigning from her position as Processing Assistant III – Dental (75%) effective February 28, 2011.
- Bonnie Collins is retiring from her position as Public Health Nurse I effective March 1, 2011.

Recruiting to fill the following positions:

- Public Health Nurse I, replacing Nancy Sartin
- Dentist I, replacing Roberta Osborn (this position is now a full-time position)
- Processing Assistant III – Finance, replacing Jennifer Burton

Vacant positions:

- Public Health Nursing Director III, replacing Debra Garrett
- Foreign Language Interpreter II – WIC, replacing Maria Oakley
- Dental Assistant, replacing Jessica Banks
- Public Health Nurse I (50%), replacing Emily Barrows (frozen until July 2011)

B. Budget Amendments/Transfers

Ms. Christy Bradsher presented the Health, WIC and Dental amendments and transfers 13 - 17 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year for board approval:

Budget Amendments and Transfers FYE 11				
ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	13		DEPT. NAME:	Health
STATE BUDGET:	Health		TRANSFER:	X
			AMENDMENT:	
Expenditures:				
110-5110-239	Scientific Medical Supplies	-14,624.00	-14,624.00	-14,624.00
110-5110-644	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	14,624.00	14,624.00	14,624.00
Transferred funds to purchase contraceptives for non-Medicaid patients. Federal funds received from NC Division of Public Health.				
Explanation:				
ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	14		DEPT. NAME:	Dental
STATE BUDGET:			TRANSFER:	X
			AMENDMENT:	
Expenditures:				
110-5160-120	Salaries/Wages	-47,000.00	-47,000.00	-47,000.00
110-5160-120	Salaries/Wages	-36,800.00	-36,800.00	-36,800.00
110-5160-190	Professional Services	47,000.00	47,000.00	47,000.00
110-5160-440	Contracted Services	36,800.00	36,800.00	36,800.00
Dentist I position remains unfilled. Transfer needed to meet demand for services and sustain revenue levels.				
Explanation:				
ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	15		DEPT. NAME:	Dental
STATE BUDGET:			TRANSFER:	
			AMENDMENT:	X
Revenue:				
310-3990-902	Designated Fund Balance	15,560.00	15,560.00	15,560.00
Expenditures:				
110-5160-351	Maintenance & Repair Building & Grounds	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
110-5160-590	Capital Outlay-Other Improvements	13,610.00	13,610.00	13,610.00
Budgeted funds to repair HVAC system and replace roof.				
Explanation:				
ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	16		DEPT. NAME:	Health
STATE BUDGET:			TRANSFER:	
			AMENDMENT:	X
Expenditures:				
110-5110-603	National Women's Health Week Grant	2,150.00	2,150.00	2,150.00
Revenue:				
310-3511-203	National Women's Health Week Grant	2,150.00	2,150.00	2,150.00
Funds received from the U.S Department of Health and Human Services. Funds will be used to cover expense for events during National Women's Health Week in May.				
Explanation:				
ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	17		DEPT. NAME:	Health
STATE BUDGET:			TRANSFER:	
			AMENDMENT:	X
Expenditures:				
110-5110-622	Pandemic Influenza/PHER	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00
Revenue:				
310-3511-322	Pandemic Influenza/PHER	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00
Funding received from the Public Health Preparedness & Response Section to provide financial resources for implementing mass vaccination campaigns at the local level.				
Explanation:				

A motion was made by Dr. Donald Courtney to approve the Health, WIC and Dental budget amendments and transfers 13 - 17 for FY 2010-2011. The motion was seconded by

Ms. Lynda Puckett and was approved by the board unanimously.

VII. Personal Health Update

Ms. Gayle Shoffner reported the open access scheduling system is working well. Patient show-rates continue to be higher than the previous appointment system's rates. The open access work group continues to meet and is planning a back-up system as well as comparing visit numbers and appointment availability. Ms. Shoffner provided program break-out numbers for January 2010 (under the previous appointment system) and January 2011 (under open access):

Program	January 2010	January 2011
Women's Health	493	458
STD	238	250
Pregnancy Test	114	87

Ms. Shoffner stated to date, Alamance County Health Department (ACHD) has given 1,185 flu vaccines in clinic, 18 vaccines at the homeless shelter and 363 vaccines to county employees.

Ms. Shoffner discussed that due to a request from the public, ACHD will begin offering varicella titers to the public at a charge of \$20.00 per titer. This is the current approved rate used in the prenatal clinic. It is expected this service will mostly be requested by EMS or nursing students seeking immunization services. This service will be implemented upon the completion of nursing standing orders.

Ms. Shoffner reported that regional nurse consultants assisted the agency in the completion of a Patient Flow Analysis in January 2011. Although clinic schedules were not completely filled, reports indicate a capacity to serve additional patients. The report also included recommendations for streamlining clerical and finance intake as well as clinical services. Some recommendations have already been implemented and others are being reviewed for feasibility within the agency. Reports also indicate that the open access system has greatly improved patient flow and wait times throughout the clinics.

VIII. Environmental Health Committee Update

Mr. Carl Carroll presented the minutes from the January 18, 2011, Environmental Health Committee meeting.

Alamance County Board of Health**Environmental Health Committee**

The Environmental Health Committee met on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 12:00 pm in the Health Department Conference Room (Room 1129) of the Human Services Building located at 319-B N. Graham Hopedale Road, Burlington, North Carolina.

The following committee members were present: Dr. Donald Courtney, Mr. Chad Huffine and Mr. Michael Venable.

The following staff members were present: Mr. Barry Bass, Mr. Carl Carroll, Ms. Terri Craver and Ms. Janna Elliott.

Call to Order

Chairman Chad Huffine called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Environmental Health Update

Mr. Carl Carroll reported that the employee who was out due to a FMLA approved absence has returned full time.

Mr. Carroll informed the committee that Mr. Barry Bass has been asked to present information regarding House Bill 2 at the Board of Commissioners' meeting scheduled for this evening. Mr. Carroll discussed the following information regarding House Bill 2 in Alamance County:

There are at least 500 facilities (food service facilities, motels/hotels, and bars) in Alamance County that must comply with this law.

All these facilities received information about the law from the State in a mass mailing prior to the effective date. The information explained how to comply with the law and had copies of the no smoking signs that they needed to post at all public entrances.

Environmental Health's web page includes a link to the State website www.smokefree.nc.gov.

A statewide press release went out that informed folks to report a possible business violation of the law in one of three ways: (1) call the local health department; (2) visit www.smokefree.nc.gov and complete an on-line form; or (3) call the N.C. CARE-LINE at 1-800-662-7030 (TTY 1-877-452-2514) 7 a.m. - 11 p.m., seven days a week. After hours, they may leave a message and their call will be returned.

The new law includes all enclosed areas (roof and walls on all sides or all sides but one) in not only restaurants and bars, but other places that serve food and are inspected by local health department environmental health staff. This includes many convenience stores, hotel common areas, and private/for-profit clubs. Hotels and other lodging facilities may designate no more than 20 percent of their guest rooms for smoking.

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There are exceptions to the smoke-free law- cigar bars that must meet a list of criteria and non-profit private clubs.

The new smoke-free law requires affected businesses to post no-smoking signs, remove ashtrays, not smoke inside and ask any smokers to step outside to smoke. Businesses that repeatedly break the law can be fined up to \$200 per day. Smokers who refuse to smoke outside can be fined up to \$50 by local law enforcement for defying the law.

During routine inspections of food service facilities and hotels, environmental health staff notes any violations of the law. Enforcement has been complaint driven for facilities (bars) not currently under inspection by environmental health. Even when a complaint is received, staff must observe the violation in order to proceed with enforcement.

Enforcement actions are initiated by a written violation notice left with the person in charge indicating the specific violation(s) observed and information about what needs to be done to comply. A follow-up letter of violation signed by the Health Director is sent via certified mail with return receipt requested. A copy of all violations notices are also sent to the State.

The following complaints have come to Environmental Health through the State complaint system.

- 41 complaints reported on 17 facilities (of the 17 only 4 are under inspection by environmental health)
- 5 facilities have had more than one complaint reported (all these are bars and are not under inspection)
- 1 facility - not required to comply (internet sweepstakes business)
- 3 facilities - no violation observed
- 10 facilities - 1st violation
- 1 facility - 2nd violation
- 1 facility - 3rd violation -fine is pending
- 2 violations were observed by staff during routine inspections and a 1st violation was issued to each of those facilities.

Staff has spent about 10 hours in direct enforcement in facilities (this does not include travel time or time preparing paper work or training for staff).

Legal enforcement of House Bill 2 falls under the Alamance County Attorney's jurisdiction.

Mr. Carroll presented the following to the committee:

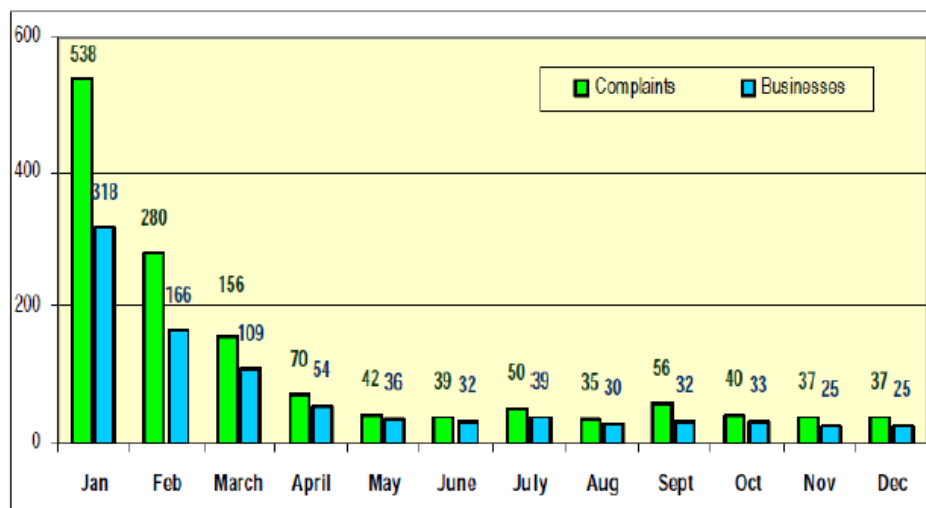
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NC's Smoke free Restaurants and Bars Law

Monthly Number of Unique Complaints* & Businesses**



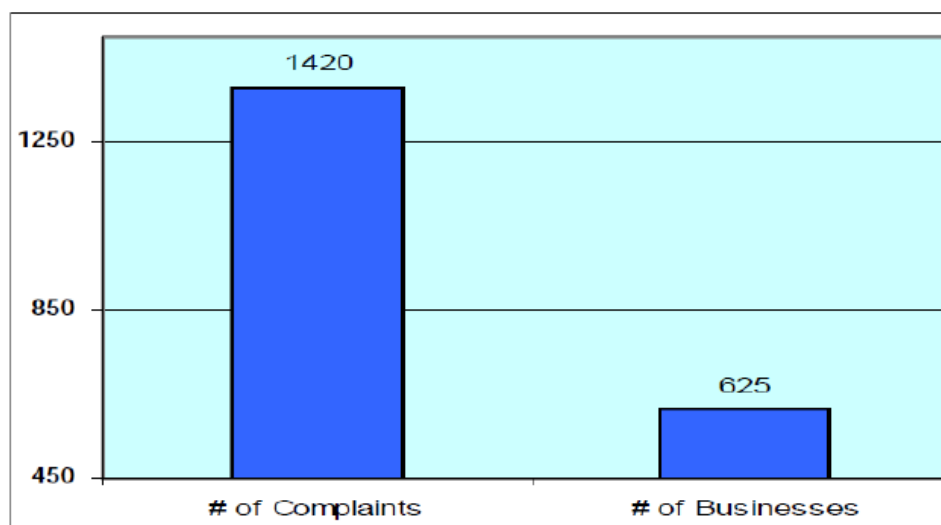
* Monthly statewide number of complaints reporting a business with a potential violation of the law

** Monthly statewide number of businesses named in one or more complaint(s) of a potential violation of the law

NC's Smoke free Restaurants and Bars Law

Number of Unique Complaints**

January 2, 2010 – January 9, 2011

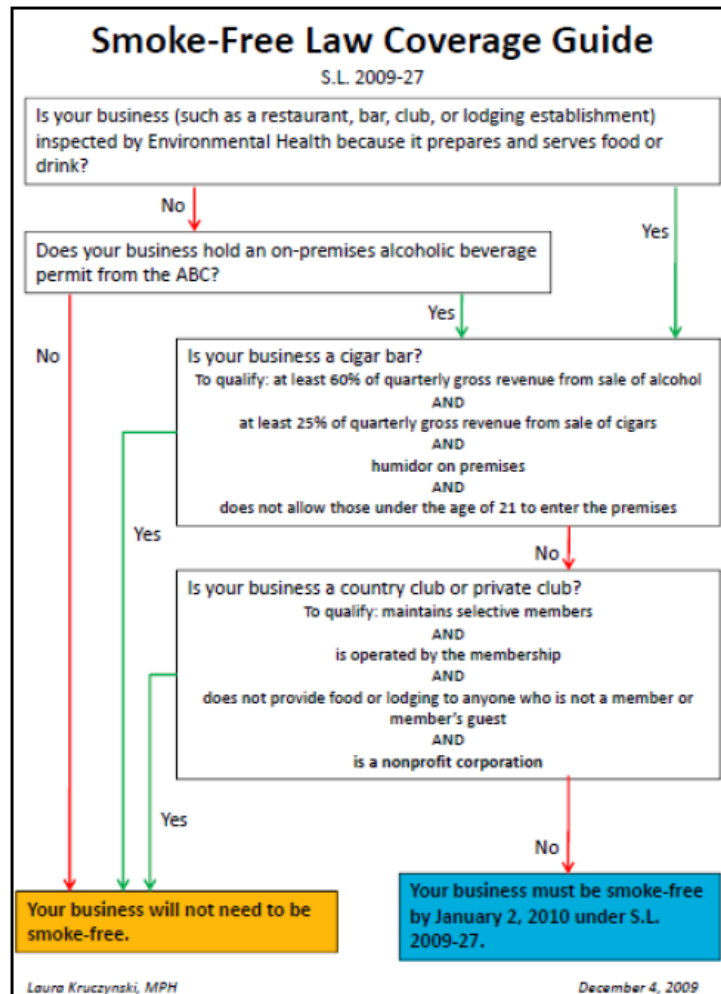


* Y-T-D statewide number of complaints reporting a business with a potential violation of the law

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Mr. Carroll stated that he had recently had a discussion with the Planning Department. Alamance County has a Manufactured Home Park (MHP) ordinance. Most municipalities have their own ordinances as well. There is also a MHP Regulation approved by the Board of Health. In the past, it has been discussed to possibly rescind the Board of Health's MHP Regulations, but has not been acted on. The Planning Department has asked for the Board of Health to reconsider rescinding its regulations. He is working with the Planning Director to develop an implementation plan to present to the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Health.

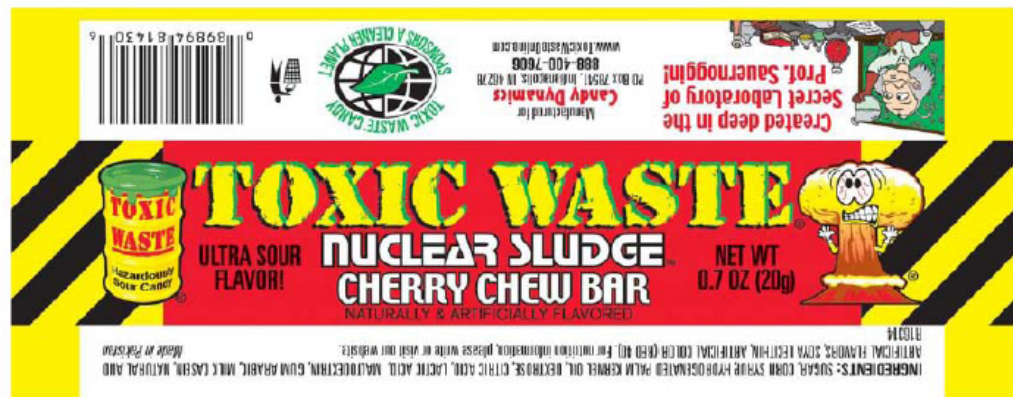
Mr. Carroll reported there is a current recall on a candy called "Toxic Waste," which contains high levels of lead.

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Candy Dynamics Recalls Toxic Waste® brand Nuclear Sludge® Chew Bars all flavors -- Net wt. 0.7 oz (20 g) package
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Ms. Terri Craver discussed the permitting issues for tattoo artists. Tattoo artists are permitted individually by Environmental Health at each facility in which they provide services. Environmental Health Specialists must see each artist's work space to ensure clean and safe conditions. The Permit Fee is \$100.00 per year and is non-transferrable to different locations. Environmental Health Specialist, Mr. Rob Snow, usually handles permitting tattoo artists and recently received a complaint about an unpermitted artist. He followed up on the complaint and discovered that it was a valid complaint. He contacted the artist and provided the application needed for the artist to complete and return with the fee to get permitted. The artist did not apply for a permit so Mr. Snow filed a subpoena for the artist to appear in court for tattooing without a permit. The court case was continued to the end of February, but the artist has since received a proper permit.

Ms. Craver discussed the Jordan Lake Rules which were adopted in 2009 to reduce the amount of pollution entering the lake upstream. Environmental Health staff has met with Planning staff and are working with County Geographic Information System (GIS) staff to create an overlay so clear determination can be made between types of creeks, streams or wet weather areas. This would help Environmental Health Specialists maintain the proper setbacks when issuing Improvement Permits. Mr. Huffine stated that Environmental Health would likely see an increase in the number of phone calls they receive and suggested staff notice leaf litter for determining when a ditch or low area might be considered a stream.

Ms. Craver stated that a state review of the on-site waste water program starts next week. All paperwork will be reviewed and staff will be accompanied in the field for review of on-site procedures and final inspections.

Health Director's Update

Mr. Bass stated he attended a breakfast with the legislators earlier this date. Senator Gunn, Representative Borsden and Representative Ingle were in attendance.

Mr. Bass stated that the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget is being worked on internally and will be presented at the February meeting.

Mr. Bass discussed that ACHD is working with Piedmont Health Services on a "Triple P" grant for a Positive Parenting Program. ACHD is one of five finalists in the nation for the opportunity to have \$100,000 per year for three years and if awarded, would coordinate the project.

Mr. Bass reported Medicaid funding for the MCC program is changing to a pregnancy medical home model in a way that's similar to Health Check. It will pay per member per month not per encounter. We have a maternity clinic, so this shouldn't present a big problem. CSC will be changing to Childcare for Children, "CC4C." ACHD does not provide primary care in the child health clinic, so this may be problematic and CSC may possibly lose positions. Implementation for this is effective March 1, 2011; processes will stay status quo until June 2012 and impacts will be felt July 2013.

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Mr. Bass stated that the Public Health Quality Improvement 101 (QI 101) training scheduled for this week was cancelled due to hazardous weather and reschedule to February 14 – 16, 2011, which creates a number of scheduling conflicts.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Janna Elliott
Clerk to the Board of Health**

IX. Environmental Health Update

Mr. Carroll was pleased to announce that the On-Site Wastewater and Private Drinking Water Well programs of the Alamance County Health Department, Environmental Health Section were found to be in compliance with all program requirements after the review conducted in January 2011.

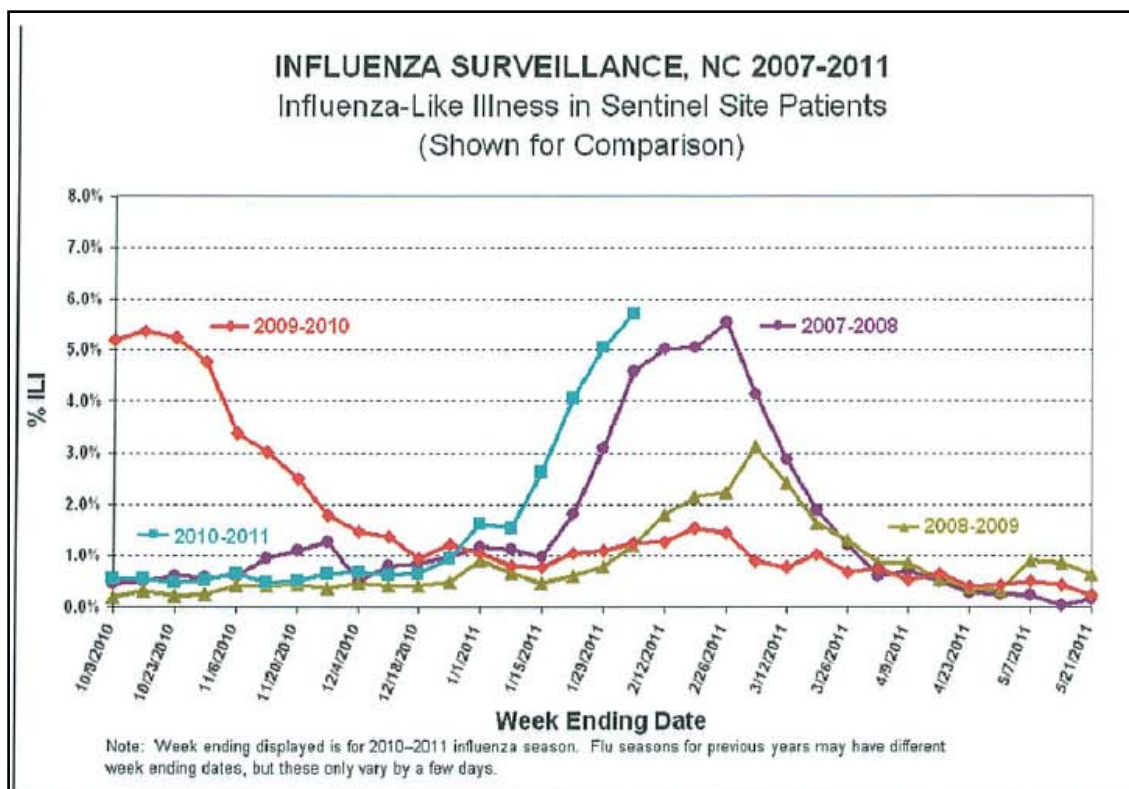
Dr. Blocker inquired about the status of Stericycle's permit. Mr. Carroll reported that it has been approved with the provision that Stericycle implement 2013 requirements now.

Mr. Wilson inquired about a timeline for rescinding the Manufactured Home Park (MHP) regulations. Mr. Carroll responded that the Planning Department would bring their proposed regulations before the Planning Board for approval, then to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Once it has been adopted by the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Health could proceed with rescinded their regulations and permits for new MHP permits would come from the Planning Department.

X. Medical Director's Report

Ms. Gayle Shoffner provided the Medical Director's report in Dr. Shapley-Quinn's absence.

Ms. Shoffner reported that Influenza is still going strong in 2011. The H1N1 strain we learned about last year is taking the lead in flu cases in NC this year, although there are plenty of cases of Influenza B as well. The strains continue to be good matches with the vaccine.



Virologic Surveillance Information from the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health

**INFLUENZA VIRUS ISOLATES FROM IN-STATE PATIENTS
IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE LABORATORY OF PUBLIC HEALTH
2010-2011 SEASON***

Virus Type	# New Positive Results (1/30/11-2/5/11)	# Cumulative Positive Results (10/03/10-2/5/11)
A	1	2
A/H1	0	0
2009 A(H1N1)	36	139
A/H3	11	54
B	40	124
Total	88	319

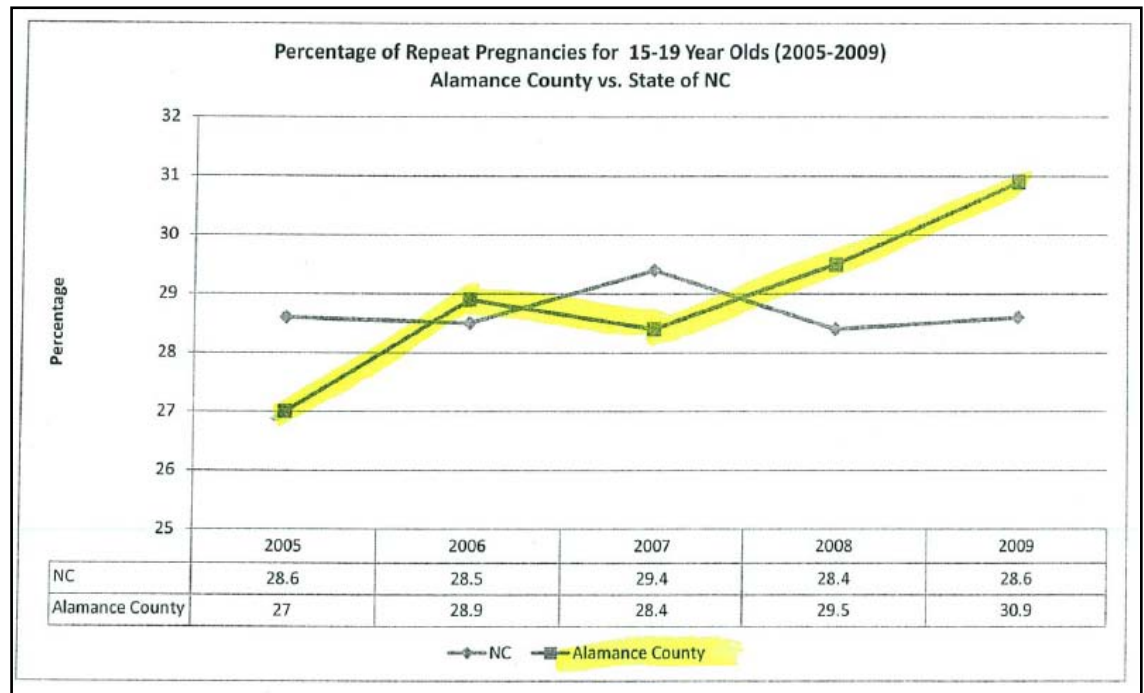
* 2010-2011 Season began October 3, 2010

NOTE: This table only includes isolates tested as of 2/4/11.

This table does not include influenza isolates identified by other laboratories.

Ms. Shoffner also discussed the repeat pregnancy rate in Alamance County as it compares to the state of North Carolina. Repeat pregnancy rates are increasing slightly over the past year. We hope to address this as we develop our strategic plan over the next year. Even though the rate

of repeat teen pregnancy is increasing, the absolute numbers are not: in 2007 there were 356 of these in AC, in 2008, there were 349, and in 2009 there were 301.



Dr. Blocker stated that the influenza rapid test is not 100% effective and this could cause a delay in treatment.

Dr. Blocker also stated that he has spoken with local Obstetricians and Pediatricians regarding the Tdap vaccine. A new policy will be implemented at ARMC to provide Tdap to mothers needing the vaccination after delivery.

XI. Health Director's Report

Mr. Bass commended the Environmental Health Section for their hard work and positive review of programs.

Mr. Bass stated that ACHD received a certificate of recognition and appreciation from the North Carolina Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Center (NCPERRC) for participation in research studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funded by NCPERRC at UNC.

Mr. Bass called members attention to the packet insert, "Dental Bytes," a newsletter from the NC Oral Health Section.

Mr. Bass was pleased to report that the Alamance County Children's Dental Health Clinic's annual Give Kids a Smile event on February 5, 2011, was a success. Almost \$22,000 in free care, including 300 sealants, was given to uninsured children during this one day event. Twenty-nine children were adopted by local dentists to have regular care in their offices free of charge.

Mr. Bass stated he will be in Jackson County on an accreditation site visit March 8 – 10, 2011. He will also be in Tampa, Florida, with Commissioner Massey and other members of the SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) grant project March 20 – 23, 2011.

XII. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.


XIII. New Business

A. UNC Local Boards of Health Training

Mr. Bass asked board members to consider inviting the UNC Institute for Public Health to the April 19, 2011, Board of Health meeting for the purpose of conducting a Board of Health Training. Members were amenable to this and were asked to complete part one of the training online. Ms. Elliott will email instructions for this to all members.


B. Presentation and Approval of 2010 Annual Report

Mr. Eric Nickens presented the 2010 Annual Report. He gave kudos to Ms. Kelley Kimrey and the entire Health Education staff for their hard work in preparing this report.



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Dr. Donald Courtney; Retired Veterinarian

Dr. Kary V. Dodd, DDS; Dentist

Mr. Charles D. Huffine, PE; Engineer

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Ms. Lynda Parham Puckett, RN; Registered Nurse

Mr. Kent Tapscott, RPh, CPP; Pharmacist

Mr. Michael Steve Venable; Rep. of General Public

Mr. Charles Wilson; Rep. of General Public

Health Director's Message: A Look at WorkHealthy AmericaSM

In this time of economic challenges and diminishing resources, it is even more important that communities develop and foster collaborative relationships to improve the health of its residents. Alamance County has a history of being a community where co-operation amongst partners is the norm. In July, NC Prevention Partners, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Alamance Regional Medical Center, Alamance County Area Chamber of Commerce, Elon University, Healthy Alamance and the Alamance County Health Department sponsored the Alamance Leadership Academy as part of the WorkHealthy AmericaSM initiative. Twenty-five local businesses, committed to creating a culture of wellness the workplace, met to begin a three year process of affecting positive health behavior change and reduce preventable health care costs. Each organization completed a survey to examine their current wellness practices. Subsequently, an action plan was developed for each participating organization. In addition, organizations will receive tools and on-going support in order to reshape workplace policies and management strategies. The focus areas of activities include Nutrition, Physical Activity, Tobacco and Leadership Culture of Wellness. This type of evidence based, best practices, coupled with real world policies, programs, tools and case studies, can be replicated in worksites throughout Alamance County and will result in a healthier workforce and ultimately healthy population.

Coupling this initiative with the "Moving from Thick to Fit", a community strategic planning forum sponsored by Healthy Alamance, demonstrates the commitment of Alamance County to address the obesity issue. Lastly, Healthy Alamance and the Alamance County Health Department hosted a regional planning forum for the Healthy People 2020 Initiative at St. Mark's Church to prioritize health issues to be addressed during the next decade.

Program Performance Indicators for 2010

Total Immunizations given: 3,256 WIC Individual Counseling Sessions: 12,394 Family Planning Visits: 5,676 Maternity Clinic Visits: 5,395 Child Health Visits: 93 Dental Clinic Visits: 6,619 HIV tests: 3,929 STD Clinic Visits: 3,260 Child Service Coordination Contacts: 1,341	Maternal Care Coordination Contacts: 2,584 Newborn Home Visits: 202 Total Flu Vaccines: 1,339 Environmental Health facility inspections: 2,188 Health Hazard Investigations: 421 Well Inspections: 139 Animals Vaccinated against rabies: 488 Soil/Site Evaluations: 240 Collected Water Samples: 855 Specimens Tested for Rabies: 71	Confirmed Rabies in Animals: 8 Environmental Health Community Trainings: 34 Health Education/Promotion Encounters: 6,507 Health Education Grants Received: \$238,888 Lab Tests Performed: State Lab: 11,919 In House: 9,680 Lab Corp: 8,614
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New Initiatives



*Incredible Years
has had 16
parents enrolled,
impacting 18
children.

Due to a high
demand for the
program, another
series will begin
on March 1.*

The local Juvenile Crime Prevention Council/Community Collaborative (JCPC/CC) in 2009 stated in their needs assessment that in order to reduce juvenile crime, parent-child relationships must be addressed. This group stated a need for increasing parent accountability, improving family management of conflict, and addressing early and persistent behavior problems among school-aged children. Additionally, two community partners have identified parent services for parents of older children as a top priority. The Alamance Partnership for Children (APC) currently houses the Incredible Years (IY) BASIC Parenting Training Program for early childhood. Among the referrals and calls of interest, there are many who do not qualify for preschool IY due to the age limit. In addition, the Alamance County Dispute Settlement and Youth Services (DSYS) agency currently offers classes to parents of adolescents however these classes are not evidence-based in nature. DSYS strongly indicated that they

desired the opportunity to better serve their population. In January 2010, the Alamance County Health Department received funding through the NC Department of Health and Human Services to collaborate with community partners to provide family support programming to families with school-aged children. The Health Department collaborated with APC to provide the Incredible Years (IY) Basic Parent Training Program to parents of children ages 6-12 years who demonstrate challenging behaviors. APC is a local nonprofit agency that administers Smart Start funding within Alamance County and has been providing IY programming for parents of preschool age children through various grants since February 2008. Incredible Years is designed to promote emotional and social competence; and to prevent, reduce, and treat behavior and emotional problems in young children. The School Age Parent Training Program is similar to the

Preschool program but emphasizes strategies for older children, including logical consequences, monitoring, helping children learn to problem solve with children, and family problem-solving. The Health Department also collaborated with the Alamance County DSYS to provide Strengthening Families program to families of 10-14 year old youth. Strengthening Families consists of parenting, children's life skills, and family skills training courses taught together. The program has been found to significantly reduce problem behaviors, delinquency, alcohol and drug abuse and to improve social competencies, resilience, and school performance in children. Strengthening Families builds on protective factors by improving family relationships, parenting skills, and improving the youth's social and life skills. Child maltreatment also decreases as parents strengthen bonds with their children and learn more effective parenting skills.

Emerging Issue

In July 2010, changes took place with the North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) which affected the health department's ability to provide some vaccines at no cost. Due to cuts in the state budget, free, state-funded vaccines were no longer provided to insured children. As a result, local health departments and county governments are now forced to purchase vaccines at a considerably higher cost, placing

an even greater strain on already limited local budgets. Children with Medicaid or who are uninsured are still able to receive vaccine provided by the NCIP at no cost. Insured families have been able to take advantage of transitional vaccine as a result of one-time funding approved by the North Carolina General Assembly, in order to provide a limited amount of free vaccine during this transition away from the state-funded program.

Once the supply of free transitional vaccine is depleted, patients with insurance will need to use their insurance plan to receive vaccine services. In some cases, this may require a co-pay or deductible. This emerging issue continues to change, as eligibility guidelines and requirements have changed frequently since July.



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A motion was made by Dr. Donald Courtney to approve the 2010 Annual Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lynda Puckett and was approved unanimously by the board.

C. 2011 – 2012 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget

Ms. Christy Bradsher presented the Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 budget proposals for Health, Dental and WIC.

Health Budget: The Health Department budget request includes personal and environmental health. Individual expenditure line items were reviewed in detail and the overall requested budget remained mostly flat decreasing by approximately 0.3%. Environmental Health is requesting funding to continue the career ladder. There is an overall increase in projected revenue of 8.45% primarily due to additional funding received from the state to assist in the transition of Maternal Care Coordination and Child Service Coordination to the Pregnancy Case Management Program and the Care Coordination for Children (CC4C) program. The proposed total budget request of \$6,933,577.58 includes a request of approximately \$4,499,847.58 in County funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Michael Venable to approve the proposed fiscal year 2011 – 2012 Health budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Donald Courtney and was approved unanimously by the board.

Dental Budget: The Dental budget has no direct local funds involved. The total increase in expenditures is \$11,000. Dental is requesting to increase the *50% Processing Assistant III position to 100%, and a reclassification of the Dental Assistant Supervisor position. The Dental Clinic is self-sustaining.

A motion was made by Dr. Donald Courtney to approve the proposed fiscal year 2011 – 2012 Dental budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lynda Puckett and was approved unanimously by the board.

WIC Budget: The WIC budget is federally funded. Appropriated expenses are covered by federal funds at 100%. The total estimated revenue for FY 11-12 is \$829,260.

A motion was made by Mr. Kent Tapscott to approve the proposed fiscal year 2011 – 2012 WIC budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lynda Puckett and was approved unanimously by the board.

XIV. Other

No other business was discussed.

XV. Adjournment

With no further action or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Linda Massey and seconded by Ms. Lynda Puckett.

ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Michael Blocker, Chairman

Mr. Joseph B. Bass, Jr., Secretary